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**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed October 31, 2003, please reconsider the  
above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments.